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## Local and General.

Lacombe has a link at the In-  
nifall Bonspiel.

D. C. Gourlay left by Sunday's  
train for Winnipeg. He will be  
absent about ten days.

Rev. H. E. Gordon, B. A. ex-  
changed pulpits last Sunday with  
Rev. R. E. Findlay of Ponoka.

Winter rubbers, felt, German  
socks and overhoses at cost. You  
want the goods, we want the room.  
—Alt. J. McLaughlin.

Next Wednesday evening Olds  
and Edmonton hockey teams will  
play off the final here. Lacombe  
will play the winners on Thursday  
evening.

Mrs. H. E. Gordon and daughter,  
Muriel, spent a day in Calgary  
this week visiting Mrs. Gordon's  
mother who was on her way from  
the coast to Manitoba.

Some six officers of the Salvation  
Army held a meeting in Days Hall  
on Wednesday evening. This  
band of workers is devoting special  
attention to the Rescue Home of  
the army.

W. B. Ronke, manager of the  
Alberta-Canadian Fire Insurance  
Company, was in town Thursday  
in connection with the adjustment  
of the loss of Chas. H. Brown in  
the Blindman Valley.

Sometime between Sunday evening  
and early Monday morning the  
bankrupt stock of F. Fulsher was  
moved from the Russel Block to  
the store in the Victoria Hotel  
block recently occupied by N. F.  
McDermid.

B. F. Bailey returned home by  
Monday's train. While away Mr.  
Bailey visited some eighteen states,  
also touching some of the impor-  
tant centres in British Columbia,  
and he is now firmly convinced  
that there is nothing better than  
the Lacombe district.

The hockey boys are holding a  
carnival on Monday evening next.  
Suitable prizes will be given for  
costumes. This year the club has  
confined itself to amateur hockey  
and for this reason if no other is  
entitled to support. A program of  
races is also being arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leslie re-  
turned Tuesday from the east,  
where they had spent a two-month  
holiday. Mr. Leslie states the  
weather in Ontario to be more se-  
vere than here. He met with quite  
a number of farmers in the east  
who purpose moving to Alberta.

It is stated upon good authority  
that the directors of the agricul-  
tural society held a meeting last week  
and decided to cancel the tender  
they awarded at a previous meet-  
ing. The contractor had been no-  
tified that his tender was accepted,  
and has been going on with what  
work could be done in the shop.  
It is difficult to say just what the  
outcome will be.

The Skinner Drug Company has  
purchased the stock of drugs  
from J. H. Rose & Co. and is open-  
ing for business in the Russel  
Block on Wednesday morning  
next. Mr. J. H. Rose will have  
charge of the business. Mr. Rose's  
ability as a druggist is too well  
known in the Lacombe district to  
need comment. The new firm has  
had the premises thoroughly clean-  
ed and renovated, and they are  
not handling any of the bankrupt  
stock of the Medical Hall as has  
been reported. Considerable new  
stock has been added and more is  
on the way.

## HOW TO "BOOST" OUR TOWN.

No doubt there are hundreds of  
small cities and towns in Canada  
that want to grow a little faster  
than if there were no thought tak-  
en of their stature, for a town is  
not like a man, in that it can help  
or retard its growth by considering  
the matter. To such towns a series  
of lectures delivered to the  
prominent business men of Mar-  
shall, Mich., by H. S. Batterson  
should be helpful. Mr. Batterson  
is secretary of the Chicago Munici-  
pal Service League, and has given  
much attention to the question  
of municipal expansion.

Getting down to the first causes,  
two factors are necessary for the  
growth of a town, or for that mat-  
ter a city, apart from the natural  
increase of the people who com-  
prise it. The first essential is that  
it shall have attractions, and by at-  
tractions is meant both opportuni-  
ties for the newcomer to earn a  
good livelihood, and surroundings  
in which he can enjoy himself after  
the day's work. Industries the  
town must have to begin with, and  
then it must have places of enter-  
tainment, schools where children  
can be well educated, churches,  
recreation grounds, social life and  
a good climate. Unless the town  
has these to begin with, it would  
be wise to acquire what is lacking  
before it starts the real campaign  
for more industries and more citi-  
zens. The fact that a town has a  
good theatre is enough, other  
things being equal, to attract a  
thousand families from another  
town that has no theatre.

The analogy between the town  
and the individual man is, in fact,  
fairly close. The merchant must  
have a stock of goods that people  
want to buy and the town must be  
the sort of place that people want  
to live in. But many a merchant  
who has had the goods to sell has  
failed to draw customers; and the  
trouble with most towns whose  
growth is slow is that they have  
the attractions necessary for stimu-  
lating immigration, but no one  
knows them. They are mere  
names on the map. They have  
never been heard of by the outside  
public except when they have a  
big fire or a murder, or some oth-  
er kind of disaster. They are in  
the same class with the merchant  
whose name gets in the papers  
only when his wife has a son, or  
when someone sues him, or when  
he has an employee arrested.

The town, like the merchant,  
must advertise if it wants to draw  
people. If it has the attractions in  
the first place, advertising will  
bring people to investigate, and if  
there are no false pretences an en-  
quirer becomes a citizen. That is  
the whole question in a nutshell.  
It resolves itself into an advertising  
problem. On this point Mr. Bat-  
terson says: "One of the first  
things essential to 'town publicity'  
is that you believe in your town.  
Believe that it is going to advance.  
You should get to work to make  
the town and you must absolutely  
believe in your town. Be enthu-  
siastic over it. This matter of pub-  
licity is important. Live to boost  
your town. The greatest factor in  
the publicity of your town is your  
local press. No matter if it  
has published something about you  
that you do not like. Large busi-  
ness firms use and receive thou-  
sands of clippings each day, and in-  
formation from small towns is re-  
garded as valuable. You should  
make your advertising as interest-  
ing as possible. Have it read so  
that it will be news. How is the  
commercial club of a town going to  
benefit from the newspaper? No-

thing is more read than the indus-  
trial news of the town. Have a  
continued activity in your business  
men's organization."

The big papers in the state or  
provincial capital can also help the  
town's growth by publishing real,  
live news of the smaller place. It  
devolves on the authorities to see  
that some one collects the news  
and sends it in, while it is news.  
By this process the town gets pub-  
licity that is more valuable than  
blank advertising. It gets what  
the merchant calls a "reading no-  
tice," and instead of paying double  
rates it gets it for nothing. Good  
accommodation is also necessary,  
and the lecturer cited the case of a  
hotelkeeper who cheerfully loses  
\$3,000 every year on his hotel by  
making it so attractive that it  
draws visitors, and helps to make  
them citizens. Commercial travel-  
lers should have nothing but  
cheerful tidings, or they are apt to  
carry "hardluck" stories to the  
next town, which is probably a rival.

Every effort should be made to  
beautify the district surrounding  
the railroad station. First im-  
pressions are usually lasting. A  
market day is a good thing for a  
small town, and so, the expert  
thinks, is a bargain day, although,  
on the second point, there is a dif-  
ference of opinion. It is plain,  
from the foregoing, that if a town  
is to "boom" there must be unity

of purpose among its citizens.  
One also gets the idea that another  
generation will see a press agent  
elected every year, like a reeve or  
town clerk.

### Hospital Fund.

Lacombe, Feb. 6.  
Total cash on hand.....\$1003.00  
Amount paid for hospital site.....\$11.50  
Total contributions to date.....\$1364.50



"OH, THOSE HEADACHES!"  
These weary, aching, dull head-  
aches that so many women have  
to suffer. But do they have to  
suffer? Half the headaches are  
due directly to defective eye-  
sight. And yet some would rather  
endure the headaches than wear  
glasses, which if properly  
fitted would give instant relief.  
**Eyes Examined Free**

### C. R. DENIKE,

Graduate Optician  
and Watchmaker.  
Barnett Ave. Lacombe  
"Sign of the Gold Clock"

A fine article of furniture is a hand-  
some Buffet for the dining room. It  
sets it off in an ornamental sense, and  
has a particular utility of its own as a  
receptacle for dishes, glassware, silver,  
etc. We have them in good styles and  
finishes, also a nice line of Sideboards at  
very moderate prices.

COFFIN & KLEIN.

## The W. E. Lord Co.

### Do You Know Your Grocer?

This question, "Do you know your Grocer?"  
is being asked and answered in a series of  
editorial articles in the Woman's Home  
Companion. If every housewife will read  
the articles she will readily see that they  
should know their grocer, and demand a  
standard of cleanliness from him.

WE are strictly standing for pure food  
products and cleanliness in handling same.  
We appreciate having our lady customers  
call and inspect the manner in which we  
care for the food which goes from our store  
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Old Dutch Cleanser.—Chases dirt. A new powder  
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from factory. Pure, fresh, wholesome candies. Any  
favor. Our prices.....25c, 40c to 50c per lb

Pure Honey.—Absolutely pure honey, no sugar mix-  
ture, per jar.....20c

Real Maple Syrup.—Not a mere maple flavor, but  
a real maple sap from bushes of Quebec, per qt. 50c

Hot Pickles.—Just for their all round goodness  
and purity. Ask for Heinz Mixed, Tuna, Relish,  
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Huntley & Palmer's Biscuits.—We have something  
entirely new in fancy biscuits with the most deli-  
cious flavors. Try some for that afternoon tea or  
evening party. Acorns, 90c, Pettit Bearre, 85c,  
Coronation, 50c, and other varieties.

THE W. E. LORD COMPANY.

We are occupying the premises recently  
occupied by the Medical Hall. We want  
the public to know that the building has  
been thoroughly renovated. Open for  
business Wednesday, February 20th.



The farmers especially will be delighted  
to learn that Mr. J. H. Rose will have  
charge of the business. Mr. Rose has a  
thorough knowledge of live stock, and  
his preparations in this line have be-  
come very popular.

## New Drug Store

The new stock of drugs recently purchased by J. H. Rose  
& Co. has been taken over by the Skinner Drug Com-  
pany. This stock has just been supplemented by a large  
order of new goods bought from the wholesale. We are  
not handling one single article from the bankrupt stock  
of the Medical Hall. Our goods are all new, fresh and  
up-to-date. A good line of stationery is already in stock  
and a full line of school supplies is being added at  
once.

## Skinner Drug Company

Opening Day  
Wednesday  
February 25

Russel Block

Lacombe

Special Attention  
Given to  
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1908

### MORE SUPPRESSION

**Government Votes Down Inquiry Into Timber Scandals. Manipulation of Tenders and the Operations of the Big Four.—Timber Grabbers in Parliament Vote to Protect Themselves from Investigation and to Conceal Their Sources of Wealth. While the Humble Settler Pays for All.**

An Ottawa dispatch under date of February 8 states that early Friday morning the House of Commons by the party majority voted down investigation into the timber leases in the Northwest. The division followed a discussion of three days in which distinct charges of fraud were made and good reasons given for a thorough inquiry. Among those who spoke in support of the demand Mr. Borden, Mr. Foster, Mr. Ames, Mr. Lake who moved the resolution, Mr. Herron, Dr. Roche, Mr. Staples, Dr. Schaffner, Mr. Boyce, Mr. Bristol, Col. Ward, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Morin, Mr. Bergeron, Dr. Chisholm, Mr. Avery, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bennett. Sir Wilfrid Laurier sat silent, and so did all his ministers except Mr. Oliver. The other principal opponents of inquiry were Mr. Sifton, Mr. Turfitt and Mr. McDonald of Pictou. Mr. Sifton was the minister when the suspicious deals were put through. Mr. Turfitt was the Commissioner of Lands who in secret opened the tenders and whose office is plainly accused of collusion. Mr. McDonald has been a persistent obstructor of every investigation which has taken place. Mr. Oliver, whose defence was the weakest of any, is the minister whose department the government is protecting from investigation.

It is impossible here to report speeches but the following facts were brought out.

In two or three years the pick of the timber from the Ontario boundary to British Columbia was handed out to speculators. They captured the available supply for Manitoba, the best territory around Prince Albert, the timber lands on the Saskatchewan and the Athabasca and all the lakes, with all the best areas to be opened up by the Grand Trunk Pacific near the Rocky Mountains. They found out beforehand where the Transcontinental would go and got in ahead. They had limits opened which no one had explored except themselves and which could not be visited by competitors after the notice was given. They had the privilege of selecting timber to small blocks over immense areas, and while the Government allowed only four or five weeks notice of sale, it gives four or five years time for the purchaser to select his limits, shutting out other buyers from the whole region.

There are many features in these transactions to alarm the public. The government got little money out of the sales while the purchasers value their gains up in

the millions. There was a pretence of competition but it was fictitious. Even if a person outside of the ring could see the notice in time to buy he had no prospect of fair play. His tender was opened to secret by an officer represented to be an ally and associate of those who have grabbed the best of the public domain. High and low leaders were put in by the same men under different names; high and successful tenders were a mere fraction above the next competitor; bogus names were used to conceal the real speculator; mysterious lumber corporations, which cut no lumber, whose members cannot be discovered, got enormous leases; figures in the tender were written in other ink after the tenders were signed and some of "the Big Four" always managed to get every limit for which they competed.

Who are the Big Four? Mr. Staples says that, an old settler once showed him a lone tree and told him it was the only one in the West that was not owned by the Big Four. "And who are they?" asked the member? "Don't you know?" They are Turfitt, Adamson, Burrows and Sifton. All these are members of Parliament, and one or more of them have been connected with nearly every land deal that has been exposed, whether it relates to grazing leases, irrigation lands, town sites, farm lands or timber leases. They were all rather poor a few years ago and are now all rich. Another member, Mr. McCraney, is included among the land grabbers. One limit bought under circumstances held to require investigation is owned by a company of which Mr. Adamson, Mr. Turfitt, Mr. McCraney, all Mr. P's, and Mr. Bell are members. Mr. Bell is a near relative of some of the Four, and another member was an official in the land office.

It was stated plainly in the House by members, on their full responsibility, that they believed Mr. Turfitt as Land Commissioner made use of his position to benefit his party friends and his relatives and perhaps himself; that the tenders for the Moose Lake property were fraudulent and that there was forgery connected with them; that members of Parliament through transactions of that kind have made themselves rich and are giving "a vulgar display of wealth obtained no one knows how unless it be by malversation on a large scale." This expression is quoted from an article in the London "Economist" referring to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's associates who entered public life poor and acquired wealth.

All this is at the expense of the settler. While the Dominion loses the revenue that is not the worst. These lumber lands will be sold for millions. The purchaser will get the money back by making the Western settler pay. For all time to come the common people will pay tribute for the privilege of making a few men rich. T. A. Burrows, M. P., brother-in-law of Mr. Sifton has gathered in 320,920 acres of timber, under Mr. Sifton's temporary plan of irrevocable leases. His lands are selected from the Red River to the Rocky Mountains. In more than a score of bids he never failed to get the limit except when the Imperial Pulp Company (composed of un-

known persons believed to be very close to the government) was also a bidder, and Mr. Burrows always managed to be just a little and never very far above the next man. He and his heirs will be able to collect tribute for many generations.

Notwithstanding the specific charges, notwithstanding the general belief in the West that the public domain has been plundered for the benefit of quartettes or quintettes of politicians, Sir Wilfrid Laurier refused an investigation and would give no reason for denying it. It is true that the Premier was obliged last week to bring down documents which he at first refused. But he did this only on compulsion and he permits the investigation to go no farther. The Big Four were present with the rest to vote down an inquiry. Nevertheless, to quote almost the last words spoken by Mr. Foster in the debate, the time is coming when the Department of the Interior will be turned inside out and its dark secrets will be brought to light.

### Don't Let Fear Ruin Business.

Among the many timely notes of optimism sounded during the recent panic in the United States was one in the Chicago Tribune which has been going the rounds. It is well worth remembering:

Of what earthly use is a soldier who drops his musket and takes to his heels at the first onslaught of the enemy? Where would a nation end with an army of such soldiers? Where a business?

At present this country stands face to face with a most absurd enemy, who came like a bolt from a clear sky and wholly without cause.

That enemy is Fear. Are you a good fighter or are you a coward? Are you going to lay down arms before this insubstantial apparition, or are you going to "march breast forward" and help break down this fear in the minds of your customers?

There is no reason why merchants or any one else should be alarmed. The backbone and foundation of this nation is its integrity and natural resources, which are in most superb condition. In fact the land "flows with milk and honey." The only trouble is the people (some of them) are scared stiff. And about what? Absolutely nothing. It's just like a cry of fire in an opera house where no fire exists.

Fear is no person, place nor thing. It has no actual cause—no real power. In the presence of confidence it becomes nothingness and vanishes as darkness before the light.

When a snag is blown out of a river by dynamite the noise creates excitement, but the snag being removed leaves the river clear. Several snags are being removed from the "financial river" but the explosions should cause no alarm. With the snags removed, this country's prosperity will flow on greater and more powerful than ever.

Which side are you fighting on—fear or confidence? Every word you speak, every thought you think has power for good or evil. Think it over and be an optimist.

### Parliamentary Notes.

Ottawa Feb. 8.—On motion of Mr. Pringle, M. P. for Cornwall, who on Monday delivered an able speech in favour of old age pen-

sions, that question is referred to a committee to consider.

The estimates of expenditure for the year ending next month were until this week \$106,689,519. To this Mr. Fielding has added a supplementary of \$2,500,000 bringing the total up to \$109,189,519. This is about two and a half times the expenditure of 1896.

### Conservative Meeting.

A Conservative meeting was held in the town school house at 8 p. m. on the 15th. The school house was filled.

Mr. James Eadie, chairman opened the meeting with a well pointed speech, introducing Mr. G. F. Root, the standard bearer of the Conservative party.

Mr. Root was received with great applause. In his address he explained the platform upon which he stands. He condemned the corrupt practices of the Liberal government. He also referred to the wasteful expenditure by the present government, and condemned the system of timber leases and contract. After holding the audience spellbound for three-quarters of an hour he concluded amid hearty applause.

Mr. McDonald of Olds next spoke upon the disgraceful way the province was treated from the grasp of the people.

W. Crow spoke last, and compared the Conservative and Liberal parties. He stated that the prosperity the country has had was due to the Conservatives who established markets in Great Britain for the farmers' products. They contracted with the steamship companies to carry our exports 60 per cent cheaper than the Liberals are now doing. He condemned Sir Wilfrid and his party who he stated gained the reins of power under false promises.

The meeting closed at 11 p. m. with three cheers for Mr. Root.

### Lacombe Dining Hall

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Lacombe : Alberta

Sale.—Topley B. Ranch will sell horses, cattle, implements, grain, etc., by public auction at Rimby (at Wood & Peabody's) on Saturday, February 29, at 1 o'clock. Col. A. H. Garries, auctioneer.

For Rent.—A new 7 room cottage, in good location, or will sell on easy terms. For further particulars call at The Advertiser office.

Estray.  
One red steer about three years old, no brand visible; white on belly, white spots on each side of withers; long horns and crooked nose. Came to my place about the 1st of December.

S. KNECH.  
N. E. 14, 8-10-25

NOTICE.  
Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for debts incurred by Mrs. E. M. Sherman; and all persons are hereby warned against having farm stock, implements, etc., from the said Mrs. Sherman.

C. B. SHERMAN, Lacombe.

Tenders Wanted.  
Tenders wanted for drilling of a 5 or 6 inch well at the Great Bend School, near Centerville. For particulars, apply to EDWIN ALLISON, Sec. & Treas.

Edwin Allison, Sec. & Treas.  
Centerville, Alta.

## End of Season Snaps!

1 Calfskin Coat, rat collar and cuffs, \$45.00 reduced to \$38.00  
1 Wombat, 32.00 reduced to 26.00  
1 Dog Astrachan Collar, \$25.00 for 21.00  
Men's black Overcoats, velvet collar, 15.00 for 12.00  
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NOTE—Most of these mines sold for a few cents once, but over capitalized even now, pay big dividends. Big Four is on the railway, near smelters.

Roundup mines received Highest Awards for richest gold-copper ore sent to St. Louis Exposition. Big Four had next display at Dominion Fair, New Westminster, B. C.

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Nearly Two Miles of Railway on Property.

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In order to increase our circulation we are offering the following club rates to new subscribers to The Advertiser:

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This drop-oven door can't slam down nor get wobbly on hinges—patent check-spring stops that. Oven bottom is double—perforated steel loose bottom over the real oven bottom; level surface, always. Way the fire door's built, and the special draft design, make this the most sensitive of ranges to control—easy to manage, sure to satisfy. Come and look it over—your eyes seen no range like it for the money.

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# PALATABLE HASHES

Use Johnson's to Cut Meat

Wooden Bowl  
With Double  
Chopper

Cut  
Vegetables  
In Cubes

THE utmost concession I shall make to popular prejudice, always mightier than popular principles, is to vary my talk of hash by calling it sometimes "mince."

A stew is not a mince or hash. Nor is a ragout or a salmi. Materials for these English dishes with French titles are cut in cubes or strips or joints, with a sharp knife, and retain shape and identity when cooked.

I would impress upon our housewife's mind one or two general rules for hash-making before proceeding to offer recipes:

1. Avoid incongruous mixtures. Certain combinations are harmonious in cookery as in colors. Ham and tongue, chicken and tongue, chicken and ham, beef and potatoes, veal and rice, lamb and peas, mutton and tomatoes, accord well the one with the other.

Veal- and ham-fall into step naturally.

Don't mix beef and ham, or fish and rice, for example.

2. Make it a point before essaying a mince to have stock or gravy wherewith to wet it. You cannot make good hash without it, or butter rolled in browned flour. Chopped cold meat, wet up with salted water, and perhaps onion juice, and piled loosely upon buttered toast, is not a dainty dish to set before anybody, be he peasant or lord of the manor.

Save bones and other scraps for gravy-making, and keep a supply on hand for the enrichment of leftovers.

**Hash Pates.** Mince cold chicken, or veal or lamb, and mix with it a third as much cooked ham or breakfast bacon, chopped fine. Add as much rice crumbs as you have ham. Toss and stir until they are thoroughly incorporated. Wet quite soft with gravy or good stock, season with paprika and onion juice, to your taste and set over the fire until very hot.

It loses flavor if allowed to boil. Have ready, by the time it is scalding hot, a number of rounds of stale bread, in the center of which you have cut smaller circles, and scraped out of these the crumbs, leaving thin walls all around and a bottom. Dip these in a mixture of two beaten eggs and a cupful of milk.

Soak each round of bread, then drain off superfluous liquid and try to a light brown in hot fat.

Drain in a hot colander, fill with the smoking mince, and serve.

Hash Pates with Poached Eggs. Make as directed above and lay a poached egg on the top of each.

**Hash Pates and Baked Eggs.** In filling the fried bread shells with the mince, as I have described, level the latter a little below the tops of the shells and drop a raw egg carefully within each cavity. Set in a quick oven to bake.

Veal and Mushroom Mince. Make a sauce of weak soup stock, heated in a saucepan with a spoonful of butter. When bubbling hot, stir in a

large spoonful of flour and cook for a minute, stirring smooth. Now, season with onion juice, salt and pepper, and add nearly a cupful of strained tomato sauce, well thickened and seasoned with pepper and salt, a little sugar and a lump of butter.

Veal needs much "trimming" to make it savory. When the contents of the saucepan bubble all over, stir in two cupfuls of cold veal, chopped rather coarsely, and a cupful of minced mushrooms.

As soon as it renews the bubble, take from the fire and serve.

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The hash should be stiff enough to hold its shape when made into a mound in the middle of a hot platter. About the base of the mound lay fried eggs, resting on edge and lying against the mince.

Outside of the eggs arrange thin slices of fried bacon, curling and crisp.

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Have ready boiling in the saucepan a good gravy, or soup stock, made rich with butter, rolled in browned flour. Season highly. Mix with the beef one-third as much mashed potato, and stir both into the boiling gravy.

Stir until the surface bubbles all over and dish.

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Pare Onions Under Water

## FAMILY MEALS FOR A WEEK

### SUNDAY

**BREAKFAST.** Grapefruit, farina and cream, stewed lamb kidneys, quick waffles, toast, tea and coffee.

### LUNCHEON.

Cold meat (a left-over), anchovies on toast, apple and celery salad, hot crackers and cheese, prune jelly with whipped cream, cake, tea.

### DINNER.

Chicken gumbo soup, neck saute with tomato sauce, macaroni with cheese sauce, scalloped sweet potatoes on the half shell, sauce of poached fish, black coffee.

### MONDAY

**BREAKFAST.** Grapes, cereal and cream, scrambled eggs and minced ham, breakfast rolls (warmed over), toast, tea and coffee.

### LUNCHEON.

Mince of veal (a left-over from mutton saute), hashed potatoes browned, oyster salad, cranberry bread, hot thin and buttered, crackers and cheese, stewed prunes with cake, coffee.

### DINNER.

Gumbo and tomato soup (nearly a left-over), mutton chop saute with apple, green peas, macaroni and cheese, pudding with hard sauce, black coffee.

### TUESDAY

**BREAKFAST.** Fruit, hominy and cream, bacon and apples, corn bread, toast, tea and coffee.

### LUNCHEON.

Chicken gumbo, tomato soup, baked sweet potatoes, bread and butter, cauliflower and peas, cranberry bread, hot thin and buttered, crackers and cheese, stewed prunes with cake, coffee.

### DINNER.

French onion soup, braised beef's tongue, with sauce, poached fish, baked potatoes, cranberry bread, hot thin and buttered, crackers and cheese, stewed prunes with cake, coffee.

### WEDNESDAY

**BREAKFAST.** Oranges, mince and cream, calf's brain on toast, grapefruit, toast, tea and coffee.

### LUNCHEON.

A "Cape Cod fowl" (a left-over of salt cod), potatoes, bread and butter, cauliflower and peas, cranberry bread, hot thin and buttered, crackers and cheese, stewed prunes with cake, coffee.

### DINNER.

Gumbo soup, braised chicken with egg sauce, fried sweet potatoes, baked fish, cranberry bread, hot thin and buttered, crackers and cheese, stewed prunes with cake, coffee.

### THURSDAY

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### LUNCHEON.

Chicken gumbo, tomato soup, baked fish, bread and butter, cauliflower and peas, cranberry bread, hot thin and buttered, crackers and cheese, stewed prunes with cake, coffee.

### DINNER.

Chicken gumbo, tomato soup, braised beef's tongue, with sauce, poached fish, baked potatoes, cranberry bread, hot thin and buttered, crackers and cheese, stewed prunes with cake, coffee.

### FRIDAY

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## THE HOUSEMOTHERS' EXCHANGE

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Before this can reach your eyes, you will have made up your mind that the postal conveying your wish never reached me.

In the first place, a postal cannot be answered by mail, because it contains no stamp.

Secondly, yours had no address of street or number. But for the postmark on the reverse side I should not have known from what city it came.

Thirdly, it was written in pencil, and most pencilled letters are rubbed out and those that are written with pen and ink, on one side of the sheet and signed at the bottom of the last page, with name and address in full, have been examined and doctored for reply.

Thus it came about that your communication was overlooked for some days. I hope others will read this explanation and that they and I may profit by the plain statement of facts that count for much in a busy life.

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## Local and General.

Aunger & Shute, dental parlors, upstairs over Morris & Taylor's hardware store.

Frank Gladwin, formerly of this place, came in Thursday from the coast for a few days' visit.

Call on us for bargains. 20 per cent off on all Piccadilly suits and overcoats.—A. J. McLaughlin.

The Women's Guild of St. Cyprian's church will hold their annual birthday party in Day's hall on Tuesday evening, March 3. The program is now in preparation.

Fred W. Kent, of Saginaw, Mich., ex-county treasurer, accompanied by his wife and family, are here on a visit to A. W. Kent and family. Mr. Kent is a nephew of A. W. Kent of this place.

The annual convention of the Sabbath Schools and Epworth Leagues of the Lacombe, Red Deer and Stettler districts will be held in the Methodist church, Lacombe, February 26 and 27. A large number of delegates will be present.

It is almost impossible here in Alberta where we have enjoyed very mild winter weather the whole winter long, to realize that the States are at this time in the grip of the worst blizzard for years. But the wires furnish convincing evidence that such is the case.

A freight wreck occurred Thursday morning about three miles north of Lacombe, eleven cars being derailed. The wreck made it necessary to cancel the south bound train for the day, north bound passengers, mail and express being transferred around the wreck.

The Alberta Drug Store, Mr. L. Overton in charge, will be opened for business on Saturday of this week, in the rooms formerly occupied by the McDermid drug store in Victoria Hotel Block. A full stock of new drugs, stationery and toilet articles will be placed on the shelves, and it is evidently the determination of the management to run an up-to-date drug store.

On the night of Feb. 10, in the Dominion hotel, Stettler, F. Sloan stabbed C. Gilmore of Alix in the abdomen, inflicting an ugly wound. Sloan was arrested, tried, and sentenced to six months in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$100. In case of failure to pay the fine six months to be added to his term of imprisonment. The prisoner was taken to the Edmonton penitentiary on Wednesday in charge of the mounted police.

Ephraim Drake Harris died very suddenly on February 17, at his home near Valley City, heart failure being the cause of death. He had been ailing of late, but was up and about and able to do his chores on the morning in question, but was taken with a bad spell in the afternoon and expired before a physician could reach his bedside. He was 35 years of age and leaves a wife and five children, the oldest of whom is about 15.

### The Seed Fair.

The Seed Fair held in Lacombe on the 13th was successful, the judges pronouncing the exhibit the best they had seen in the Province. Following is a list of the prize winners:

Winter Wheat, hard, 1906.—1st R. M. Gibson, 2nd R. E. Johnson, 3rd F. Gale.

Winter Wheat, soft, 1907.—1st A. Driggs, 2nd J. B. Crocker, 3rd D. Rose.

Winter Wheat, soft, 1907.—2nd, R. M. Gibson.

Spring wheat, 1906.—1st, R. M. Gibson, 2nd, G. H. Grant.

White Oats, 1906.—1st J. W. Metcalf, 2nd J. Anderson, 3rd Fred Gale.

Barley, 1907.—1st, Dr. Leonard, 2nd, Geo. Hand.

Broom Grass Seed.—1st P. A. Switzer, 2nd, R. E. Johnson.

Special prize for spring wheat, 1907.—2nd J. R. Donneworth.

The prize winners named above have a large quantity of grain on hand to sell for seed.

## THE PERJURY CASE.

This case ended in the way it began—in talk. It, however, demonstrates how much damage can be done by an individual by the common practice of lying about your neighbor. George West Hotson swore out an information against J. D. Skinner to-wit: "that he said J. D. Skinner, had willfully and corruptly committed perjury, etc." When Mr. Hotson was put on his oath all he knew was what Mr. Trimble told him: when Mr. Trimble told him that Skinner's taxes were not all paid, but he did swear that his own were not all paid when he took the oath that they were, and that he knew at the time they were not all paid. "Do I understand" said one of the Justices "that you are in the same position as Mr. Skinner?" Mr. Trimble insisted upon explaining the matter upon oath, but he succeeded in exonerating himself only in his own eyes. Town clerk King swore that he had told Mr. Skinner that he thought he, Mr. Skinner, had paid all his taxes. This evidence was strongly corroborated by Dr. Simpson, who was present when Mr. Skinner paid his taxes, and by the defendant himself. The vouchers and tax notices showed that instead of him owing the town \$6.60, the town was owing him \$1.40. The prosecution failed to show that the defendant owed one dollar in taxes, and the case was dismissed at the preliminary hearing before Justices Wigmore and McNicol. One cannot help but wonder now if the "good" people who went about telling that "Skinner swaled the oath and his taxes were not paid," will be as energetic now in telling the public that they are guilty of malicious lying. C. L. Durie, B. A., of Red Deer represented the crown and Mr. Skinner acted in his own behalf.

### Communication.

To the Editor Advertiser.

Sir:—I should like to draw the attention of the public to the very loose statements made by Councillor Hotson in reference to obstructions in public roads and lanes. If the motion means anything at all it means that all persons who are causing such obstructions should be proceeded against. From his explanation he does not mean that, but only some who he apparently wants to get after. Now can we expect to get justice out of such an one-sided policy? Does he want the law framed so it can be used to suit his own personal malice, so that he can vent it on some poor widow or unfortunate land owner? If this is what the council meets for we had better revert to the old system of overseer and abolish the council altogether. Then Councillor Hotson is far behind the times for that bylaw was passed years ago and only wants enforcing. But it seems that Councillor Hotson does not want it enforced in the direction he sees fit. Is Councillor Hotson to discriminate between persons of this town and spare one (Methodist parsonage) and prosecute the other (whose name he fails to give). Now if one is an obstruction so is the other. What we want in this town is equal rights and justice, not personal malice. A RATEPAYER.

### Blackfalds.

The parlor social, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church, held on Friday evening of last week proved to be a very successful affair. A good programme was rendered and a splendid luncheon was served. The proceeds amounted to nearly twenty dollars.

At St. Jude church, by Rev. G. Edwards, on February 12th, Mr. G. Leopold Gregson was married to Miss C. Amundson.



**HIS WORSHIP MAYOR TRIMBLE**  
The man from whom George West Hotson first learned that J. D. Skinner was supposed to owe \$6.60 in taxes, and who was the chief witness for the prosecution at the trial.

Both are popular residents of this place and we wish them happiness and prosperity in their journey through life.

Special services, conducted by Rev. Johnson, of Clover Bar, assisted by a vocalist of some note, will be held in the Methodist church, commencing on Tuesday evening of this week. These meetings will continue for ten days or two weeks.

An election to fill the vacancy on the school board will be held on Saturday, the 22nd inst. This will be the third contest for school trustee this year.

An impromptu debate was the feature of the evening at the last meeting of the Literary Society. The subject for discussion was: Reading and conversation, versus travelling and observation. The negative, championed by Messrs. Gibson, Merrihew and Fisher won.

Why not organize a Board of Trade, a Five Hundred club, or some other organization for the advancement of the interests of the village? The hard times will not last for ever. When conditions change why not be prepared to take the tide at its flood? There are roads leading west and east which require attention, and which need government aid. Who will take this matter up and place things in their correct light before the proper authorities? If a thing is not worth asking for it is not worth granting. Wake up, citizens, and ask for your rights.

Subscribe for the Advertiser and get the live news of the district.

### Bentley.

Big time in Bentley this week. Literary meeting at school house Wednesday night, big crowd. Debate, topic of discussion, Asiatic immigration a detriment to the country; negative's won. A musical programme, the big four quartette made a hit. A coon selection entitled "Jasper Johnson Shame on You", with banjo accompaniment brought down the house. Members of the quartette: Bass, Clarence Darnon; Soprano, John Darnon; Baritone, Boddy Blackmer; Tenor, Raymond Sprague.

The mask ball at McPherson's Hall on the 14th was a complete success. Handsome prizes awarded best costume of lady and gent. Good music was supplied by McPherson's orchestra.

A meeting of the 500 club was held at the Alexandra Hotel Saturday night. Messrs. Pysher & McDonough were badly defeated by Messrs. Hutchinson and Sprague. Score in games, 11 to 2.

Skating is still enjoyed by the young people of the Blidman Valley.

Married.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Whitworth, on Wednesday,

February 12, Mr. Fred Ellsworth to Miss Minnie Whitworth, Rev. Neville officiating. The ceremony was performed at high noon. After congratulations dinner was served. Many beautiful and useful presents showed the esteem in which the young couple are held. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

### Spring Valley.

School will open on Monday, the 24th.

Weather conditions are very satisfactory.

Grippe is quite prevalent in the community.

The footshake on Friday night was considerable of a success.

A great amount of cord wood is being hauled to the Lacombe Brick Yard from this point.

Miss Rowe of Carberry, Man., has been engaged to teach our school until the end of the year. She is an experienced teacher with a record of three years' successful work in South Africa.

A Ladies Aid Society has been organized here recently.

We are pleased to hear that the special prize awarded at the Lacombe Seed Fair for 1907 spring wheat went to Spring Valley. We have the right kind of soil and the proper elevation to produce the very choice of grain; and in a few years this will probably be one of the greatest wheat producing districts in the Northwest.

## TERRIFIC BLIZZARD IN THE STATES.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Several deaths, many injuries, and much suffering followed today in the wake of one of the worst blizzards experienced in this section in several years. Traffic on surface and suburban lines is practically dead up tonight, and deep town hotels are filled with residents of outlying districts, who found themselves unable to reach their homes. The storm, which broke early in the day, began with increasing fury until midnight, subsiding towards midnight. One of the most tragic occurrences in connection with the storm was the wrecking in the harbor at Waukegan of the fishing boat Amphip, in which two men lost their lives and six others had narrow escapes from death.

By four o'clock in the afternoon seven inches of snow had fallen and it was still coming down heavily. The weather bureau forecasted a foot of snow by morning. The wind at frequent intervals blew with a velocity of 30 miles an hour and it buried the snow through the streets in such blinding clouds that often the range of vision would be limited to a few feet.

Omaha, Feb. 18.—The worst storm in twenty years according to the weather bureau, has been raging over Nebraska prairies for the last twenty-four hours, and at midnight tonight was still unabated. Railroad traffic was demoralized on all western roads and both telegraph and telephone service are at a standstill.

Detroit, Feb. 18.—Another blizzard, the fiercest of the season, struck Michigan tonight, and the entire state is in the grip of the storm. Reports indicate that a terrific storm is raging all over the state.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 18.—On Racoon river an ice jam six miles long has formed just above the city. City officials are using dynamite to blow up the gorge but with poor success. Today a blizzard is raging all through this part of the state. Snow to the depth of eight inches has fallen.

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